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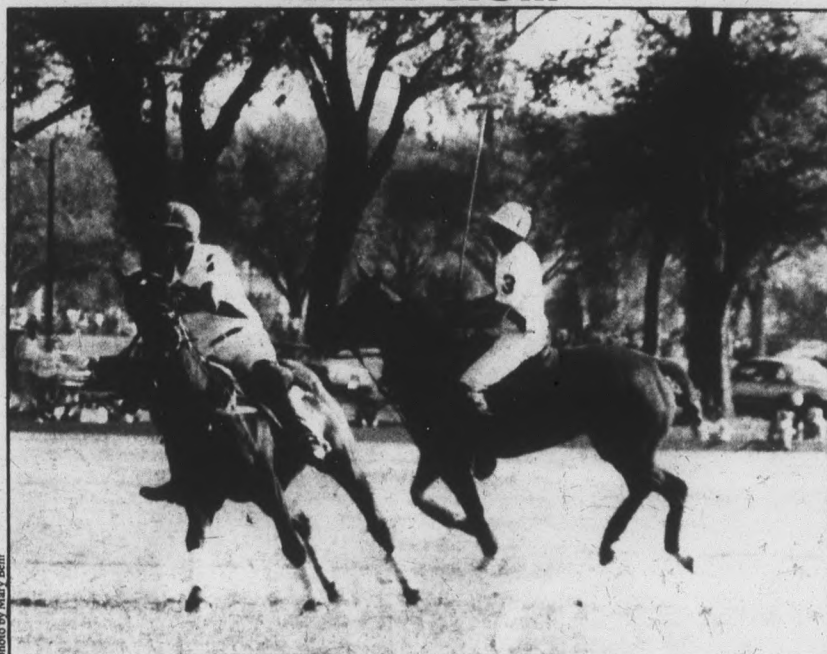


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THERE'S NOTHING like a vigorous game of polo to brighten an autumn Sunday afternoon.

## Polo invades the District

*The horseback sport ain't just for snobs*

by Amy Ryan  
Hatchet Staff Writer

Although the playing field is far from London or Manchester and the players do not sport the colors of the royal family, the game is definitely polo.

Polo is experiencing a popularity surge in the States. In fact, the sport is becoming so popular in the District that the Lincoln Mall Polo Club has organized weekly Sunday polo matches for the enjoyment of players, avid fans and curious passers-by.

Weather permitting, teams compete at the playing field between Independence Avenue and Jefferson Drive NW, every Sunday from Labor Day until late November and then from early April to August.

Jack Stead, executive director of the polo club,

said most August matches are cancelled because of the high temperatures and humidity.

Most games are financed through the players' personal contributions; there is no admission for spectators. Sponsors cover some riding and travel expenses, and most matches are played for charity.

Two Sundays ago, the Maryland-Virginia All Stars challenged the Darlington Pennsylvania Polo Club to a benefit match. It drew a crowd of approximately 2,500 and raised money to help send underprivileged children to summer camp.

Joe Sikora, who travels with the Darlington team as an announcer, said because most matches are played with nonprofit motives, the polo circuit becomes both challenging and rewarding for its players.

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## Freshmen SATs down by 10 points

by Rich Katz  
Editor-in-Chief

Freshmen who enrolled in GW this summer and fall scored an average of 10 points lower on the Scholastic Aptitude Test than last year's freshmen, according to figures released by the GW Admissions Office Friday.

This year's freshmen averaged a combined score of 1,100—530 on math and 570 on verbal—compared to 1,110 last year. The drop is attributed entirely to a 10 point decrease in math scores.

All figures exclude international students who, most often, are subject to different admissions

this year is 39 less than the number of freshmen enrolled last year and 168 less than 1985 when freshman enrollment totals peaked at 1,333.

The drop in enrollment is indicative of "the school's increasing selectivity," GW Director of Admissions George W.G. Stoner said last year.

The 77 freshmen enrolled in the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences had the highest average SAT scores at 1,200—550 verbal, 650 math—up 10 points in math from last year. The 224 students entering the School of Government and Business Ad-

### Freshmen SAT scores

Year	Verbal	Math	Combined
1981	520	550	1,070
1982	540	570	1,110
1983	530	560	1,090
1984	530	570	1,100
1985	530	570	1,100
1986	530	580	1,110
1987	530	570	1,100

criteria.

GW Associate Director of Admissions Kathy Mitchell said the 10-point drop does not mean GW is not attracting the "better" student.

"There are a lot of criteria for admissions and I don't think the scores by themselves indicate GW is not getting the better student," she said.

"The 10-point drop is not something we'll be fearful of. It's not dramatic," Mitchell said. "To maintain the same SAT level is positive. You're not going to see a drastic increase from one year to the next."

Increasing the average SAT scores of freshmen "is done on a gradual basis," Mitchell said.

The 1,165 freshmen enrolled

ministration averaged 1,100—510 verbal, 590 math—the same as last year.

The 841 students entering the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, GW's largest division, scored 530 verbal and 560 math, down 10 points in each section from last year's scores.

Math and verbal scores of freshmen entering the School of Education and Human Development (SEHD) dropped 30 points, the most significant drop among GW's five undergraduate schools. The 21 SEHD students averaged 490 verbal, 510 math.

Mitchell said decisions about whether or not to accept a student are made "pretty much in the Admissions Office. In marginal

(See SAT, p.8)

## CCAS delays meaningful initiation vote

by Denise Helou  
Asst. News Editor

The Columbian College of Arts and Sciences faculty failed to reach a final decision on whether to revise the current meaningful initiation requirements to an eight-tiered program at a special meeting Friday.

After discussing the new core curriculum for more than three hours, the faculty elected to recess the meeting until this Friday.

"A number of decisions were made, but the final package was not approved," said David McAlevey, CCAS associate dean for Student Services. "There are some remaining points which needed to be discussed."

Although McAlevey said most of the faculty seemed in favor of the proposed system, he added "virtually anything could happen" this Friday.

"The votes taken by the faculty were, up to the end of the meeting, ultimately supportive of everything the Curriculum Committee had put forth," he said.

"But that doesn't mean the overall proposal will be endorsed," he added.

If CCAS adopts the new core curriculum, students entering GW next year would be required to fulfill:

- Nine credit hours in natural sciences.
- Six credit hours in composition, quantitative and logical reasoning, social and behavioral sciences, literature, Western society and civilization, and foreign language or culture.
- Three credit hours in creative and performing arts.

CCAS Senator Jon Kessler, who also attended the meeting, agreed with McAlevey and said most faculty members seemed pre-

pared for a change.

"Everyone knows something new is going to come up," he said. "Everyone knows meaningful initiation is gone."

Kessler said the meeting was already into its third hour when the faculty started to evaluate the eighth category—foreign language or culture.

According to the proposal, students would be required to complete six credit hours of a foreign language or study of a non-English speaking culture.

Political Science Professor Stephen J. Wayne proposed an amendment that would drop the "foreign culture" section, which gives students the option of choosing from a list of approximately 30 courses offered by the history, anthropology and religion depart-

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# News of the World

## Bernhard Goetz not expected to serve time

NEW YORK (AP)—Although subway gunman Bernhard Goetz could be sentenced Monday to up to seven years in prison for illegal possession of a gun, most observers—including both supporters and critics—do not expect him to serve a day behind bars.

Court statistics show that in cases like Goetz's, criminals go to jail in only four out of 10 cases. Observers say Goetz probably will be put on probation and possibly required to seek psychiatric care.

"Most people don't see him going to jail, and neither do I," said Thomas Reppetto, director of the Citizens Crime Commission. "Most people think the public doesn't want him in jail."

The sentence "will probably reveal to the public what the politicians have known all

along," said an experienced defense attorney, Lawrence Hochheiser. "That the toughest (state gun law) in the country isn't that tough at all."

"I feel its very unlikely he'll do any time. Shooting four blacks is just not a jailable offense in New York," said Ron Kuby, who represents one of the four black teenagers Goetz shot.

Goetz said he shot the four on a subway train on Dec. 22, 1984, because he believed they were trying to rob him.

A jury found Goetz guilty June 16 of criminal possession of an unlicensed weapon in the third degree, but innocent of 12 other charges, including attempted murder, assault, reckless endangerment and three other weapons possession counts.

Goetz, who had faced up to 25 years in prison on the attempted murder charges, faces a maximum sentence of two and one-third to seven years. But under the wording and application of the state's supposedly "mandatory" gun

law, Judge Stephen Crane does not have to send Goetz to jail.

The consensus, said Reppetto, is that Crane will put Goetz on probation.

Although the probation department has recommended Goetz not be sent to jail, its report urged "intensive supervision coupled with indefinite psychiatric intervention."

## Biting the Star of David from Dracula's chest

GOLDEN VALLEY, Minn. (AP)—A General Mills cereal box featuring a picture of Dracula will be changed in response to complaints that a Star of David is displayed on the character's chest, officials said Thursday.

"We are not anti-Semitic," said William Shaffer, manager of public relations for General Mills. "Our intent was merely to use

Dracula's likeness in a fresh and entertaining way."

Officials of the Golden Valley-based food company agreed that a medallion on Dracula's chest could represent the star, which is a symbol of Judaism. The picture is taken from Bela Lugosi's role in "House of Dracula," a 1931 film.

After receiving complaints from consumers and Jewish newspapers, the company changed the design to eliminate the medallion on future boxes of Count Chocula and also edited television commercials, which had not yet been broadcasted, to remove the medallion.

General Mills decided, however, against recalling the boxes on the shelves because they were not a health hazard.

Four million boxes with the design began appearing in supermarkets about two weeks ago. The design involved a new technique in which a computer lifted and enhanced Lugosi's likeness from the film, General Mills

officials said.

Within days after the boxes appeared in stores, General Mills received calls complaining about the medallion, including several from local Jewish newspapers.

## Criticism of first lady puts Pat in hot water

SEATTLE (AP)—The Republican party's chairman Saturday called on presidential hopeful Pat Robertson to apologize for suggesting that first lady Nancy Reagan was pressuring the president to reach an arms agreement with the Soviet Union in order to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

Robertson's remark Friday night at a dinner for delegates to the western states Republican leadership conference occurred as Mrs. Reagan was preparing to undergo cancer surgery.

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Bloom also says that universities have adopted the permissiveness of society, catering to the student's desires and forgetting their needs. Career-oriented curriculum has replaced any full program of general education. Students are robbed not only of knowledge but a thirst for knowledge.

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# Students shine in GW Olympics

by Inga Scheidemandel  
Hatchet Staff Writer

Participants in this weekend's annual GW Olympics shined as brightly as the sun did for the festivities on the quad Saturday.

Approximately 150 students divided into 11 teams and participated in the various races and tournaments that had energetic contestants and enthusiastic spectators cheering during the events.

The Sigma Nu fraternity finished first in the overall competition, winning the \$300 prize. The Madison Hall team finished second, winning \$200, and the Sigma Delta Tau sorority came in third, winning \$100.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Epsilon fraternities finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

"It (the Olympics) encompasses all the different elements on campus," GW Student Association President Adam Freedman said.

Most of Saturday's events took place on the quad, including tug-of-war competitions, road races, obstacle courses and relay races, including a three-legged race.

Billiard and bowling competitions took place on the Marvin Center fifth floor that night.

Sunday's Smith Center events

included innertube water relays, a basketball shooting contest and a racquetball tournament.

The Marvin Center also played host to a Trivial Pursuit tournament Sunday night.

"It's great to see the school spirit come back," said Vice President for Student Affairs William P. Smith Jr., a member of Phi Sigma Kappa during his undergraduate years at GW.

He said, however, he wished more students had participated in the events.

Lori Kane, a Phi Sigma Kappa little sister, said the healthy competition of the GW Olympics "shows fraternity and school spirit."

"It's a good way to build campus and community spirit," said Nicole Furie, GWUSA deputy vice president of Student Activities.

This year's organizers attempted to improve the structure of the Olympics, Furie said. Three weeks of extra planning and \$1,000 were spent to make the events more organized and rules more clarified so there were "no gray areas," said Amy Mitchell, GWUSA vice president of Student Activities.

Mitchell, who organized most of this year's events, had help from GWUSA and Smith Center workers.

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THE FAST PACE of a racquetball game at the GW Olympics (above) captivates spectators, especially GWUSA Prez Adam Freedman (center, back) in the Smith Center (below).



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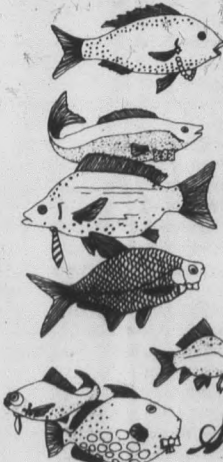
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## Editorials

### One step forward...

Columbian College finally has realized that meaningful initiation lacks one essential item—meaning.

Let's face it, undergraduates consider the current meaningful initiation requirements to be a joke. It's a given—undergrads take Understanding the Theatre, Sociology 1 and Astronomy to fulfill those "dreadfully" strict humanities, social sciences and (ughh) natural and mathematical sciences imposed upon us before we can graduate. There are easy ways around these requirements—students know this and take full advantage of them.

The purpose of a liberal arts education is to furnish a broad background of knowledge which one can use to solve technical and not-so-technical problems in the workaday world. The better the liberal arts education, the better the intellectual and cultural background, the better prepared CCAS graduating students will be each May.

The Columbian College faculty has the chance to significantly upgrade the current meaningful initiation system to an eight-tiered system that would give students a greater choice of courses en route to a better liberal arts education than the current system offers.

The proposal increases the number of credits needed only by six (from 42 to 48) and, with a greater variety of categories, consequently a greater variety of courses might be employed to fulfill the requirements.

We urge the CCAS faculty to approve this proposal (for the good of the students as well as the school) not inclusive, however, of the amendment which would change the category of foreign language and culture to merely foreign language. Such a requirement would not only pose undue stress on the University's language labs, but would threaten to disregard the teaching of different cultures—a must for a good liberal arts school.

CCAS is taking a step in the right direction in offering its students a better liberal arts education for their money.

### ... 10 points back

Despite feelings that the drop in GW freshman SAT scores by 10 points is insignificant, it's 10 more points—hard points—the school must overcome.

To climb a portion of a mountain takes time, wasted time and energy if that portion has already been conquered. It's a setback with a demoralizing effect.

GW is in a position in which it can ill-afford to lose any ground to improving institutions nationwide. SAT scores are widely recognized indicators of an institution's educational strength, within and outside its community.

Since GW administrators admit that SAT-point gains do not come in bunches, it makes the consequences harder to swallow.

● Just think if the 10-point drop becomes a trend. (10 X 4 years equals a worsening reputation).

● Morale suffers. How many people smile to know that GW is increasing selectivity to find a "better" student sitting next to you in the classroom when, in effect, that may not be so?

● The University community is wary of the GW administration's commitments as being "hypocritical." That is, if it strives to increase selectivity to get a more qualified student body, then is accepting freshmen with marginal SAT scores a step in the right direction?

We agree that SAT scores alone do not make a complete student, but as long as academia uses SAT scores as a universal indicator of academic prowess, we must be cognizant of their important roles.

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## Letters to the editor

### Biked up the ...

GW bicyclists come to campus daily and are faced with two parking choices: they can lock their bikes illegally or take their bikes to class. The latter choice is not only impractical, but also poses a potential fire hazard in the classroom. Therefore, bicyclists are left to haphazardly lock their bikes to any permanent structure on campus. This daily adventure occurs because of the extreme shortage of bike racks on campus.

Why is such a useful and needed object so scarce? If the University assumes there is not a large enough need for the racks, then let them look at almost every parking meter, signpost or portion of railing. They will find a bicycle attached to each. I could understand with automobile parking that they just do not have the land for it, but bike racks can be placed practically anywhere. Is it a question of money? At GW? Are you serious?

So, if it is not any of these reasons, then why no racks? I think that the University is secretly working with Metro authorities to try to monopolize transportation to GW. However, if this not be the case, then the University ought to rectify the situation immediately.

-Brian Brockman

### Plummet to 'hell'

I have followed with great interest the continuing saga of the "hellevators" in residence halls. However, as I am sure students can attest, the problem extends beyond Everglades Hall. Yesterday, I was fortunate enough to ride the one functioning Marvin Center lift—with 20-odd prospective students and parents—from the first floor, to the ground floor and down to the lower level (hell), up to the first floor, back down to hell, then up through ground, first, second, third and fourth floors. Throughout this joyride gone wrong, the elevator's up/down light either read "up" or was ambivalent on the subject.

One high school senior's father, weary of a day of ups n' downs, wondered aloud if any of GW's elevators work. I had no answer for him. The rash of broken lifts is not just silly, it's embarrassing for the school. Last week a Fungler Hall elevator took me on an unscheduled trip to the basement, which is exactly where we ought to be if Physical Plant can't get its act together.

-Raffi Terzian  
-GWUSA VP for Student Affairs

### Spare change

There are times in life, indeed some of the most revealing of times, when people find themselves caught in a predicament that brings to mind thoughts that seem at once obvious and novel. You feel like calling out, "Now wait a minute!" I experienced such a situation this afternoon in the Gelman Library on the GW campus where I was starting to research a class project on government policy alternatives designed to combat homelessness in the D.C. area.

There I was pouring over The Washington Post Index and the CPI research service when it struck me: what a detached and sterilized manner in which to immerse oneself in such a distinctly human condition! I walk around this city's streets day after day, as we all do, and there they are—the homeless. Just think about it, these people have no place to live; they beg for food and carry all their possessions in a Safeway bag, or better yet, a Safeway cart.

Now this can be quite a thorny matter to get a fix on in one's head. I consider myself politically moderate but tend to lean to the conservative side on a number of issues. However, where does homelessness fit into this whole equation? Regardless of our political persuasion, we all take pride in our nation's fundamental belief in the sacred worth of the human being. The street people are obviously somebody's sons or daughters, mothers or fathers, brothers or sisters. Yet, for the most part we simply leave them to it; we try to avert our eyes as we hurry by and occasionally might throw them some spare change. How concerned can we really be about the true state of the human condition if this is the case?

Don't get me wrong. I do not believe that some spare change will end their hunger or solve our moral responsibility. Community service is one possibility. What really seems necessary is—and the conservatives and many taxpayers are going to scream bloody murder—a massive government program to get these people off the streets; off to wherever they belong, be it the hospital, the halfway house, the school, the jail or the mental institution. Doesn't our society owe them another chance at life, a helping hand? Yes, such a program would cost a fortune and in these times of enormous budget deficits it would really be tough to even get it out of committee—and in any event President Reagan would be waiting at the end of the whole legislative process with his veto pen at the ready.

And so, really it seems that's where we stand; nothing is going to be done about these people. They have proven that for whatever reasons they are unable or unwilling to change their circumstances and so they live where we walk—they live in the streets. Their beds are grates. Can you imagine being so hungry or crazy that you are willing to delve into a garbage pail looking for dinner? What a horrible state of affairs, and perhaps even more horrible, it looks like that is the way it is going to stay.

-Peter G. Schwartz

### 'Progressive' stretch

Although I agree with a few of Ms. White's assertions concerning Latin America (The GW Hatchet, Oct. 8), mainly those stressing the need for democracy, economic and military independence from the United States, et al, I must take issue with her use of the term "progressive" military regimes in the Latin American context.

To speak of the recent Argentine and Brazilian military regimes

as "progressive" is to stretch the term to untenable proportions. The Brazilian regimes of Generals Castelo Branco, Ernesto Geisel and Joab Figueiredo, were mainly preoccupied with maintaining high economic growth rates and eliminating any "subversive" tendencies that were perchance to arise; they were hardly "progressive" in terms of social policy output and human rights concerns. Likewise, the Argentine military regimes of post-1976 (General Videla and successors) can hardly be termed "progressive" considering the thousands of cases of *Desaparecidos* stemming from their Dirty War against "subversion."

On the other hand, Peru's military regime under General Velasco (1968-1975), was "progressive" in the sense that it destroyed the economic preeminence of the landed oligarchy (Agrarian Reform Law of 1969) and sought economic growth through a structural change and some distributive social reforms, among other policies. Admittedly, the debt was increased, and rhetoric often outstripped results, but reforms of some magnitude were made. To placate the armed forces (whose more conservative elements deposed Velasco in 1975), the Velasco regime did indeed boost military budgets; not doing so would have been political suicide (most of the material, by the way, was Russian or French, bought so as to decrease reliance on the United States).

In terms of civil and political rights, Velasco's regime did indeed proscribe many political parties and organizations. By the same token, it allowed some leftist organizations to persist and created agrarian cooperatives, workers' collectives and other popular groups. Velasco's regime was never as repressive as those of his fellow generals in Brazil and Argentina; the large-scale arrests of political opponents so prevalent in Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Cuba never took place in Peru. To characterize all military regimes as either "progressive" or "conservative" is to simplify the Latin American experience vis-a-vis military governments. At times, the military (or factions thereof) has been excessively repressive and draconian (Pinochet in Chile, 1973, and Videla and Associates in Argentina, 1976); at times it has been fairly "progressive" and open to change, installing social and economic reforms it saw as necessary, and encouraging national industry—although not always in the hands of U.S. or British or oligarchic interests (Velasco in Peru, 1968-1975, Ibanez in Chile, 1927, Ovando-Candia and Torres, 1969-1971).

Furthermore, to heap all debt-related blame on the military regimes is to be excessively naive; the various oligarchies, bankers, industrialists and civilian regimes, both "democratic" and "authoritarian," have had a hand in creating the debt crisis in which Latin America now stands.

I do not seek to be an apologist for the military, but please, let us try to call a spade a spade.

-Charles Klimick Portales

# Opinion

## Reagan needs to yield a new propaganda sword

Last Saturday, in a CNN interview, Ronald Reagan, formerly of "evil empire" fame, repeated (repeated!) his pledge to achieve the "total abolition" of all nuclear weapons. It seems that Reagan is following the example of his subordinate George Bush and finally allowing us to see the true winniness beneath all the makeup and hair dye.

Please don't mistake me for a true believer in truth, justice and an endless American military buildup, or for that matter an Ollie North fan. I simply believe that there is a time for peace, love and coffee shop poetry and then there is a time for realism. Reagan, like a naive girl on her first date, has fallen for the warm words of the most potentially-threatening Soviet leader to date.

Mikhail Gorbachev is a comparatively young, energetic leader with truly "new" ideas. (The 1988 presidential candidates could learn something from him.) He is attempting broad economic reforms, allowing critical voices for greater freedom to be heard, allowing a greater number of Soviet dissidents passage out the country—Ida Nudel being the latest—allowing new interpretations of Soviet histories to be brought to light, himself claiming that the Stalin-Hitler Pact brought on World War II. Overall, he has impressed a lot of people.

Let's look at these reforms more closely. His economic policies focus not only on the Soviet Union, but on the entire Eastern Bloc. Gorbachev has made proposals that would give these countries a limited form of

currency in an attempt to do away with the quota system of the past. Essentially, the results of the old quota system were manufacturing systems that produced two products: a shoddy, poorly made product that was exchanged with other Eastern Bloc countries and other better made products that were sold to the West. Gorbachev brings a new competition and a fledgling market system.

His social and human rights reforms, although criticized as being only token gestures, are at least steps in the right direction. For a country traditionally not

Liz Pallatto

accustomed to reform, perhaps any greater effort would be too big a pill to swallow at this juncture. Certainly it would be that for the conservative elements still left in the Soviet government.

Finally, Gorbachev has done something else. He said "Yes" to Reagan's hastily blurred proposal to eliminate intermediate-range weapons, and has even stepped down from former insistent demands to include Star Wars negotiations in the weapons treaty, although questions concerning Star Wars still need to be discussed.

Herein lies the threat. Gorbachev is coming across as an innovator and a great peacemaker. Reagan, in an attempt to disprove his lame duck status, has hoped that he also might snag some sort of similar title, something catchy that could later be used as a subhead in a history book.

Consequently, Reagan is providing Gorbachev with a new weapon—propaganda.

Reagan has alarmed many of our European allies (or to be more exact, European leaders). These leaders believe in the value of a U.S. nuclear deterrence force located in their countries and in many cases have defended the presence of the intermediate weapons against spirited anti-nuclear groups. To abolish nuclear forces in these countries would be to reduce the military situation in Europe to the conventional forces level, an area in which the Soviet Union is superior to NATO forces.

Public opinion has followed two lines of thought. The anti-nuclear groups are ecstatic, and while Reagan has indeed been touched by the rosy glow that accompanies a peacemaker, he may have done irrevocable damage. The general public, according to the polls, has more and more begun to equate the Soviet Union with the U.S., both seen as being large, militaristic, hegemonic powers who have a tendency to bully other nations. A case in point for the U.S. may be the Persian Gulf. Wonderful human rights, the free market system and open government aside, we seem to have fallen into a rut alongside the Soviet Union.

This is because *glasnost*, as an idea and a plan for future action, *sounds* great. Added to it are all those "token" gestures, the speeches, the trips to other countries; these also "look" good. In a world where, increasingly, image means more than substance, Gorbachev is racking up the public relations points.

In this new war of words, Reagan comes out looking like a cranky old codger in his vague refutations of *glasnost* as not being enough, or not representing "real" openness. Worse still is when Reagan officials start saying that *glasnost* doesn't really mean openness in the Russian language. Effective, this "defense" propaganda is not.

Worse still, U.S. officials and the Reagan administration have not brought in the new ad team. The U.S. seems to marketing "comfy," reliable toilet paper to the Soviet Union's fast, new car. While rumors spread through West and East Berlin that the Soviet Union is considering tearing down the Berlin Wall and rock stars on the East Berlin side compose songs to praise Gorbachev, Americans worry about the possibility of war with Iran.

As a person who cares about peace and one who also would buy the fast car, I am worried. Gorbachev right now seems like an important, vital, "good" leader and I actually admire him for what he is trying to do in the Soviet Union. However, I am also a realist. Reagan cannot afford to be like the naive village girl at this point. The U.S. and the Soviet Union have been rivals for too long, and I fear Gorbachev's unspoken intentions. Therefore, I encourage Reagan to walk down the path of peace with some form of protection in his pocket, just in case the threat of danger comes further down the road.

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## Can Corazon Aquino survive the political storm?

Much to the surprise of many Western diplomats, Costa Rican President Oscar Arias won the Nobel Peace Prize last week for his efforts to restore the processes of democratization and peace in Latin America. Corazon Aquino was considered a very likely candidate, as her "people power" overthrow of Ferdinand Marcos was an unprecedented, remarkable victory for the forces of democracy and freedom in the world.

The Philippine people loved "Cory," the American media loved "Cory," and just about everybody—Marcos and family excluded—loved "Cory." But now, apparently, the honeymoon is over. There has been a falling out of sorts between President Aquino and her nation's perception of her. Unfortunately for Aquino, world sentiment, while not unfavorable, has been very pessimistic in its perceptions and actions toward the Philippines. Perhaps that's why the prestigious committee that decides the winner did not give Aquino the award she so rightfully deserved. Perhaps it was worried that the winner would not be around next year. After all, who wants to be associated with the losing side? The award is only a superficial issue at this point. The real issue is whether or not fears of the stability, or lack thereof, of Aquino's rule will be substantiated in the near future.

Truly, Aquino faces a seemingly endless list of crises with which to deal. Public opinion, the

best way to measure the future of a leader in a democratic or "democratic-ese" society, seems to signal that even rougher times lay ahead for President Aquino. The general consensus reads something like this: Aquino seems incapable of curing her nation's ills, and the situation will continue to further digress while an inactive Aquino sits by helplessly watching the pieces fall apart.

Most of the problems that were considered potentially rule-threatening just a few months ago are now considered not as dangerous due to the seemingly never-ending list of new crises that now confront Aquino. Practically gone now are concerns over a possible return by 70-year-old Ferdinand Marcos or a coup sponsored directly by Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile. It now seems that Aquino's rule is venturing further and further toward the abyss of permanent defeat; yet another coup attempt, this one with successful results, is starting to seem inevitable.

Colonel Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan has led the new charge to unseat Aquino with his aborted coup attempt on Aug. 28, 1987. Since then, Honasan has gone into hiding, accusing Aquino of "coddling communists" and of becoming a "new Marcos." He even has threatened to return with a successful coup attempt and, despite his defeat, he maintains a fairly strong following. His ability to remain on the loose and continue to threaten and criticize

Aquino has served as yet another source of great embarrassment to her administration.

To further complicate matters for Aquino, Vice President Salvador Laurel recently resigned his foreign affairs portfolio, with the overt intentions of beginning negotiations to form a united opposition party. These men typify the individuals who place their own petty desires for power over the general good of the Philippines. They think that they alone have the solutions for the Philippines, even though their solutions

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will result in the return of a Marcos-style dictatorship.

To add to these problems, Aquino faces attacks from the left as well as from the right. Illegal strikes by leftist trade unions are crippling the Philippine economy. These problems, by themselves, would be bad enough. And the existence of Moslem insurgents, coupled with the growing strength and popularity of the communist rebels, makes Aquino's chances for the future seem dim.

But the future doesn't have to be so bleak. The time is now for Aquino to prove that she is an effective leader, not just a housewife cast into the spotlight of leadership that she cannot handle. She needs to make effective decisions and overcome the multitude of problems she faces.

Specifically, she needs to get control of the communist in-

surgency. It has been at the heart of her problems, as it has become the focus of her critics who claim that she is "weak." Aquino has made repeated overtures to the various communist rebel groups, who have responded only with mild flirtations in order to enhance their reputation among the general populace.

It's time for Aquino to directly and forcefully warn the rebels that the time for delays has long passed; they will either return to the negotiations which they walked out on last February, or they will face an army no longer held back by executive decree.

Aquino's apparent inability to deal with the communist insurgency has truly been the catalyst of her present predicament. Aquino is caught in the unfortunate scenario of being constrained by the forces that got her into office. She was the compassionate leader who was expected to instantly repair all the damage caused by the corrupt, abusive Marcos.

But her own compassion and seeming inability to resort to force make the military establishment fear that she is going to give the country away to the communists. And there is some validity to that attitude. Aquino's general amnesty allowed the rebels to come out of the hills and "meet the people."

Their support, active and passive, among the general public has increased drastically, and their popularity among the labor unions also poses a real dilemma

for Aquino, who is seeing the base of her "people power" slowly erode. She has been criticized by establishment critics as allowing the country to slip away due to her apparent indecisiveness and inactivity. She must prove them wrong.

She must publicly give the communist rebels a clear, definite deadline on when they will lose their last chance for negotiations. She must make it clear to the Philippine people that her first concern is continuing the democratization of Philippine society. We all know that, but she must use that preface in order to legitimize the war which will follow if the communist rebels do not agree to sit down to serious negotiations. The upgraded assault on the Bicol region, the center of the insurgency, is inevitable. The Philippine army will never extinguish the fire of the communist insurrection, but it can severely dampen the flame that would tear asunder the future of Philippine democracy.

The U.S. must act now. A strong American showing of military aid, along with sincere support and encouragement, might just give Aquino the push needed to get her into action. But if the U.S. does not support Aquino in this time of need, the flame of democracy in the Philippines might just flicker out.

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# Commentary

## *A progressive's perspective*

### The cowardly lion meets the dastardly deficit

It's your deficit, Mr. President, but we can all be thankful that the Congress, both Democrats and Republicans, are trying to do something about it. As legislation, which will allow the government to continue functioning and will enable the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law to work, snakes its way through the legislature, it's time to look at the progress we have made in cutting fiscal spending, and at what needs to be done ... soon.

The little space I am given by The GW Hatchet is more than enough to describe the progress already made toward cutting the deficit. Tax increases, budget cuts or otherwise, no politician worth his weight in chocolate-covered potato chips expects the fiscal deficit to dip under \$100 billion before Ronald Reagan leaves office. The budget process has proven to be so much of a failure that Congress was more than willing to give up much of its "power of the purse" to the Gramm-Rudman power saw. Then, of course, there is the federal debt itself. The full amount owed by the U.S. government to its creditors has probably risen above two trillion.

The numbers have become so large that



they have a numbing effect. There's just no way we are going to be able to pay back trillions of dollars anytime soon, so people tend to forget about it. But the first step in paying off some of the debt is, of course, a balanced budget. So it appears that Congress and the president are content to let Gramm-Rudman do its thing.

That is more than unfortunate. The allure of Gramm-Rudman is strong. It equally cuts from defense and other programs, cuts are fixed and most important, they cannot be blamed directly on the Congress or the chief executive, an escape hatch for wimps on both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue.

That the bill is essentially a cop-out would not be so terrible if it accomplished its purpose, a fair and equitable balancing of fiscal accounts. But the nature of these automatic "across the board" cuts is such that it will not be so. Remember that these will be cuts "off the top." They will not be the result of a thorough search for fat in the government. They will not be based on public need, public good or efficiency. Across-the-board cuts are based on accounting and nothing else.

The problem with this approach is best illustrated by example. The various farm subsidy programs are often targeted by budget cutters dangling the image of the farmer in designer overalls driving his sparkling new pickup (with fog lights and CD player) into town on Saturday night in front of the American public. Certainly there are some agricultural sectors that are living high on the hog. The sugar-growing community of Clewiston, Fla., has one of

the highest per capita income levels in the nation, along with Ford, Chevy and Dodge truck dealerships that are doing quite well. The profits harvested by subsidized tobacco growers are legendary. Yet other subsidy programs have proven successful, especially the various efforts to encourage soil-conservation techniques that require leaving some lands fallow and planting only grasses on others. Yet all three of these programs would be equally treated by the aimless blade of Gramm-Rudman cuts.

To carry the subsidies example further, most analysts agree that the subsidy program in general is in need of serious reform as part of a budget-cutting process (for graphic proof see last month's *Washington Monthly* magazine). Such reforms might normally be encouraged by budgetary pressures, but the automatic cuts will do nothing to fix the system and will, in addition, keep attention away from the inadequacies of subsidies.

The biggest losers of automatic Gramm-Rudman cuts would be the programs that the budgets of the past few years pruned back the most. Foreign aid and State Department expenditures, for example, which were cut to the bone in the present budget, would be cut more automatically under Gramm-Rudman. Present funding levels for some State

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Department agencies are already at minimum operating levels, and Secretary Shultz said recently that Gramm-Rudman cuts would force the closure of dozens of embassies, some desks at the department, cutbacks in foreign aid and would further decrease the morale of an already dismal foreign service. Similar situations would be faced by the Council on Environmental Quality, the Environmental Protection Agency and others.

In short, those agencies that have suffered the most under Reagan will feel the sting of Gramm-Rudman cuts, while the cushy allowances of other agencies especially in the Pentagon will act as pain killers.

But before my dazzling (ha!) conclusions, let me just say that I have given up my battle to get a decent picture in this column. Coeds who wish to explore how slanderous the above picture really is can take it up with me at my house ... by appointment.

Unfortunately, there is no simple and politically palatable alternative to automatic cuts on the legislative horizon. If any hope is to be found, it lies in the fact that the Gramm-Rudman legislation and other efforts were brought about by a public understanding that the deficit and debt had become a real problem. It is reasonably possible that this cowardly lion Congress will be granted courage to reform government programs like tobacco and sugar subsidies, many agencies of the Pentagon and others, individually and with care when the public understands that the political high road of automatic cuts is not paved with yellow bricks.

John Kessler's commentary appears each Monday in *The GW Hatchet*.

## *Reflections of a realist*

### Swallowing the bitter pill of Gramm-Rudman

A "bitter pill." That's what The Washington Post called the automatic budget cuts that are confronting Congress and the Reagan administration in these early days of autumn. The president, refusing to allow for either higher taxes or defense cuts, seems to have painted a very clear picture of his position, and the press, as usual, has grossly oversimplified the conflict. We are shown two political players who have both been unwilling to take voluntary precautions to avert an illness, and who are now forced to accept a painful cure.

My vehement opposition to any measure that serves to maintain or extend the far-reaching influence of the government makes me an immediate fan of any automatic budget-cutting measure. But rather than foolishly argue over the merits of my beliefs in high-brow philosophical tones (I'll leave that for *The Journal*) it is far more interesting to concentrate on the specific politics that stand as a barrier to a balanced budget, and that drive a few slightly more responsible members to propose automatic budget cuts.

First we must identify the guilty parties. With 535 separate members of Congress stirring a cloud of rhetoric to hide their pork barrel projects from scrutiny, it has been far easier for the media to focus the

on either party's inability or unwillingness to make hard choices between defense spending on the part of the Republicans and domestic spending on the part of the Democrats. Rather, the voting records of key members indicates that regional interests reign supreme over party rhetoric.

For example, as painful as it may be for many liberals to admit, there are just as many zealous protectors of the defense budget in the Democratic Party as there are in the GOP. Alan Cranston has steadfastly supported defense allocations to Boeing and McDonnell Douglas and the continued upkeep of many military bases in his state of California.

On the other hand, a similarly paradoxical case can be made of wasteful domestic and non-defense spending on the part of prominent Republicans. Bob Dole is a staunch supporter of farm subsidies. Henry Hyde of Illinois is a champion of continued U.S. aid to foreign countries. Jesse Helms is notorious for his vehement defense of government aid to tobacco farmers. Jack Kemp, who calls himself a conservative, has supported virtually every entitlement program on the books including federal



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blame on a slower, unconcealed target—namely, a lame-duck president. But anyone who identifies Ronald Reagan as the single most significant economic player in America has only been fooled by the media's oversimplifications. Figures from the last two federal budgets, for example, show that funding allocations to government entitlement programs have maintained their pre-Reagan levels of approximately 50 percent of the total budget, while defense spending has been held below the level of inflation for the past two years. These figures seem to contradict that which even the least promising student of liberal rhetoric knows; namely, that Ronald Reagan has sacrificed all of the poor of the country to the monstrous defense machine.

The fact that entitlement programs have survived while defense spending has been held down indicates several key points that are far too complex for the press to tackle. First of all, Reagan, despite his formidable political clout, is not powerful enough to significantly alter congressional budget allocations as per his ideology. Meanwhile, these figures also seem to suggest that Reagan is not committed to the principles of limited government in the first place. In the final analysis, it is safe to say that both of these factors have contributed to his failure or unwillingness to change the budget singlehandedly.

With the smoke now cleared from this confusing issue, our attention can focus on the real leaders, and therefore the people who must accept much of the blame for the budget crisis—members of Congress. It is my contention that Congress' pluralism, regionalism and partisanship will forever threaten the economy with irresponsible government spending.

The budget crisis cannot solely be blamed

jobs training, AFDC and Social Security.

The fact that special interests rule Congress, however, is no revelation. Special interest politics stand as the single greatest barrier to responsible government spending—spending which is in-line with government revenues and which does not force upon the nation the heavy burden of taxation that contributed to the crippling of our economy during the 1970s. In light of this, the fundamentally apolitical nature of automatic budget cuts forms the basis for their ability to break the chains of special interests and grants them legitimacy in the political economy of the 1980s.

If none of these arguments satisfy you, then consider this—automatic budget cuts work. They accomplish what no other governmental economic tool has accomplished; they specifically, and by definition, reduce the size of the deficit.

Many people, including my progressive colleague, contend that automatic budget cuts are politically cowardly. I agree. However, this fact in and of itself does not significantly diminish their value to the nation as a whole. Reducing the deficit is, and should be, the major economic concern of our political leaders. Their unwillingness and inability to come to terms with the problem have forced them into an unenviable position. In the end, it would appear that Congress must be forced to swallow the bitter pill of automatic budget cuts to avert the potentially fatal malady that is the federal budget deficit.

Christopher Preble's commentary appears each Monday in *The GW Hatchet*.

# Five GW-ites to appear on MTV game show

by Denise Helou  
Asst. News Editor

Everybody wants their MTV, right?

GW students certainly got a dose of the music video channel Friday when two representatives from the New York-based cable network visited the University to select five contestants for a new quiz show scheduled to air beginning Dec. 7.

Contest coordinators Lisa Berger and Stephanie Klein already have visited 20 East Coast universities in the past month and intend to visit five more before the station begins filming the show Nov. 17.

Before coming to GW, Berger and Klein selected contestants from the University of Maryland, American University and Georgetown University.

"If you are looking for 'Jeopardy,' this is not the place to be," Berger said in describing the show. "The crevice of the show is Spring Break Daytona Beach meets David Letterman."

Some hopeful GW students attended the auditions to be TV stars; others tried out just to test their musical knowledge.

"I thought it would be fun—something different to do on a Friday afternoon," senior Steffi Paul said.

The 27 students who came to Marvin Center room 406 to smile for MTV's camera discovered how much music and TV trivia they really knew when Berger gave a 25-question quiz, asking such questions as "What was the name

of the dog on the Brady Bunch?" (Oh, come on, we all know the answer is "Tiger.")

The real test, however, came when each student stood in front of the others to talk.

Talk about what, you ask? Well, basically, about anything.

Some students just gave a brief biography while others were more explicit and talked about some of



their personal experiences. Stories ranged from the comical to the bizarre as one student explained what happened when he tried to relieve himself outside of the Security office the night before.

Berger and Klein narrowed the number of candidates to 13 and set up a mock game show to test their knowledge of various television shows.

Four students at a time used an imaginary remote control to pick one of nine channels which featured different categories, such as "The Odd Couple," "The Brady Bunch," the "sex" channel and the MTV channel.

After the mock game show, Berger and Klein chose the five contestants who will appear on the game show. The five students

chosen will travel to the MTV headquarters sometime during the next three months for filming.

The five contestants—Montie Derby, Douglas Dow, Mike Lachs, Chris Molinari and Greg Wymer—remained calm when they discovered they would be appearing on TV, although Wymer admitted he was nervous.

"You don't know how you're going to act until you get there," he said.

"I knew I had a chance," Lachs said. "They said they were looking for obnoxious people, and I knew I could be very obnoxious."

"This is probably going to be the first and last game show I'll be on. It's something you have to tell your grandchildren," he said.

The GW Program Board sponsored the contestant search.



MTV INVADED GW on Friday, and this student was there.

## Hey, buddy—do ya wanna lift?

by Peter White  
Hatchet Staff Writer

Need a lift to get back to where you once belonged?

Check out the GW ride board, which has returned to the Marvin Center's ground floor.

The original ride board was removed during renovations to the ground floor in the summer of 1986.

"I don't have an answer to why it wasn't put back up when the construction was complete," said Robert Goldberg, chairman of the Marvin Center Governing Board. "It was a good service offered years ago that was widely used. Because of student inquiry, we decided to put it back up."

"In the long run, we hope to have a computer instead of a board," Goldberg said.

The board serves three purposes, he said. Students needing a ride someplace can post their names in the "Rides Needed" section while students driving to a certain place who would like someone to share the expenses can list their names in the "Rides Offered" section. The "Commuter Rides" section will assist GW commuter students in arranging car pools to and from campus.

GW students often use the ride board, especially students from cities along the East Coast, he added.

The current board, adjacent to the newsstand, is temporary until the original one can be properly restored by the end of November.

The original ride board consisted of cubbyholes labeled with different cities and a large map of the District for commuter students.

# TAP INTO RESPONSIBILITY

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ments to fulfill the requirement.

Wayne said students should just be required to take six hours of a foreign language.

The faculty voted 47-40 in favor of the amendment, but decided to recess the meeting and further discuss the suggestion next week when more faculty members would be present.

Kessler called the language requirement "silly," and said most students to whom he spoke are "dead-set against a foreign language requirement."

He said a similar requirement under meaningful initiation was dropped six years ago because it did not work.

Kessler also said some faculty members suggested a ninth category in moral reasoning be added.

Kessler, however, said he finds an increase in credit hours unreasonable. If the requirements are still unsatisfactory with 48 credit hours.

## SAT

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cases, it is referred to the dean's office of the respective school."

In the past four years, average verbal scores among GW freshmen have remained unchanged, although well above national scores. National verbal and math scores essentially stayed the same, according to the College Board, which administered the test.

Average combined national SAT scores

among this year's freshmen are 906-430 verbal (up one point), 476 math (down one point)—the same as last year, the College Board reported.

GW Student Association President Adam Freedman said the slight drop does not hurt GW's push toward a more favorable academic reputation.

"I don't think a 10-point drop one year is going to set us back," Freedman said. "(SAT) scores are only one area in terms of the quality of education. As the school gets better, it's going to continue to attract better students."

## Polo

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Some of the participants also compete professionally, he said.

The sport's popularity is on the increase because it is losing the stereotype as an English sport for "snobs," said Kent Waterson, Darlington's high scorer.

Waterson said the growing number of polo fields across the nation proves that the game can

be enjoyed by "just about anyone."

Most people are unfamiliar—except for association with Ralph Lauren—with the origin and the rules of polo. The sport originated in Persia, spread to India by the 19th century and was first popularized in Great Britain.

Each match consists of six, seven-and-one-half-minute "chukkers" and a 10-minute halftime. Usually, there are eight players on the field at a time, but

because of the small size of the field teams occasionally will play only three members each on the field.

Skill is not only involved in maneuvering the horses and equipment—39-inch long mallets—but in executing the shots on a ball about as big and heavy as a baseball, he said.

The easiest and most common shot is the "off-side shot," made from the right side of the horse with a sweeping motion, Sikora

said. The second most common is the "near-side shot," made from the left side of the horse.

Like soccer, in polo the clock does not stop if the ball is hit out of bounds. Play only is delayed when the referee blows the whistle, usually after a foul has been committed.

In this case, the team against whom the foul is committed gets to take a free shot from the sidelines.

To score, the team must drive

the ball through the opponent's goal, one of two located at each end of the field. The score is counted if it crosses the goal on a fly, a bounce or on the ground, as long it does not travel above the height of the posts.

The length of a traditional polo field is slightly longer than 100 yards, the length of a football field. The speed of a game in such a confined distance, however, has prompted many rule changes, Sikora said.



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### MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**10/20:** • Career Services workshop "Letters and Resumes". Info: 994-6496. Acad Cen T-509.

**10/20:** • Zionist Alliance "Israel Trivia Night". Info: Bev 676-3049. 8 pm, MC 418.

**10/20,22:** • Recreational Sports and Wellness Center presents "Aerobics Not Alcohol" aerobic workout and free juice bar in cooperation with Alcohol Awareness Week. Info: Sue Lewis 994-6927. 7-8 pm, Smith Center 308.

**10/21:** • Career Services workshop "Job Search Strategy". Info: 994-6495. 12:15-1:45 pm, Acad Cen T-509.

**10/21:** • Lisner At Noon presents violinist Mary Findley and pianist Dionne Laufman Weigert playing works of Brahms, Schubert and Mozart. Info: 994-6900. 12:15 pm, Lisner Auditorium.

**10/21:** • Pre-law Society general meeting and program "The Princeton Review and LSAT Preparation. Info: Joe Edmondson 676-7618. 8:15pm, MC 411.

**10/21:** • Program Board meeting.

New members welcome. Info: Sue Fish 994-7313. 8:15 pm, MC 429.

**10/21:** • Career Services workshop "Effective Interviewing". Info: 994-6495. 5:30-7 pm, Acad Cen T-509.

**10/22:** • Program Board film "The Color of Money". Info: Maribeth 994-7313. 8 and 10:30 pm shows, MC 3rd Floor Ballroom. \$1 admission.

**10/23:** • Program Board films "Head" and "Yellow Submarine". Info: Maribeth 994-7313. 8 and 10:30 pm shows, MC 3rd Floor Ballroom. \$1 admission.

**10/23:** • Project P.A.I.R. hosts "An Evening of Entertainment" including an impersonation contest. Info for interested performers: Doña 676-3091. 8-11:30pm, George's, MC 5th Floor.

**10/23:** • SIA Graduate Student Forum co-sponsors a "UN Day Festival Consortium Event" with Georgetown, American U., and Johns Hopkins. Bring a food from another country or an imported beverage. Info: Bonnie 337-7030 between 9 am and 1 pm M-R. Function 7 pm-1 am, Mitchell Hall Rec. Room (20th Street between E and F).

**10/23:** • Lesbian and Gay People's Alliance HALLOWEEN COSTUME BALL. DJ, dancing, free refreshments, costume contest. Info: John Bodnar 994-7590. 9-12:30 pm, MC Market Square. \$7 students/\$10 general.

**10/24:** • Latin American Studies Program tour of the Pre-Columbian collection at Dumbarton Oaks. Info: Dr. Peter Klaren. 10 am, 1703 32nd Street NW (main entrance).

**10/24:** • Program Board presents Jimmy Cliff in concert. Info: Spenser 994-7313. 8:30 pm, Lisner Auditorium. Tix \$13.50.

### WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

### Monday

"GW NIGHT" at Dillon's Cafe and Books, 3251 prospect Street NW (1 block north of M Street on Wisconsin) sponsored by Project P.A.I.R. Open mike for GW performers, 1/2 price appetizers and selected drinks. Info: Doña 6776-3091. 5-8 pm.

**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** Wellness Resource Center Low-Impact Aerobics. Info: 994-6927. 1:10-2 pm, Bldg. K Gym.

### Tuesday

Orthodox Christian Club luncheon meetings with discussions for Eastern Orthodox Christians. Info: Father Basil Summer (301) 229-6300. Noon, Marvin Center Market Square.

**Tuesday and Thursday** International Shotokan Karate. Info: Fred 521-5738. 8-10 pm (Sat. 10 am-noon), MC 410/415.

### Wednesday

AIESEC, the Association of International Business and Economics Students weekly meeting. Info: Tracey Ross 994-9540. 7:30-9 pm, MC 421.

### Wednesday

Departments of Classics and Religion informal reading of the New Testament in Greek at leisurely pace - bring lunch if you wish. Info: Robert Jones 994-6325. 12:30-1:30 pm Bldg. O 102A.

### Wednesday

Counseling Center offers the Miller Analogies Test with two weeks advance appointment. Fee \$30. Info: 994-4860. Counseling Center, 718 21st Street, N.W.

### Thursday

International Student Society coffee hour. 4-7 pm, Bldg. D.

### Thursday

Christian Fellowship weekly fellowship

— worship, praise, and learning. Guest speakers, refreshments... the works! Info: Edwin Weaver 994-4885. 7:30 pm, MC 403.

### NOTICES

**10/18-22:** • **ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK** sponsored by the Dean of Students Office is a week long set of events encouraging everyone to "Tap Into Responsibility." Info: Richard Weitzner, 994-7210.

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Exhibit "Graphic Designers: Visual Communication Alumni" at the Dimock Gallery, Lower Lisher through 10/8. Info: Myra Merritt 994-1525.

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**Wooden Teeth**, an arts and literary magazine, is now accepting submissions and new staff members. For further information phone Maimun Khan at 676-2135.

"Fed Up With Bingeing", a group for students who binge and purge, is being formed by the Counseling Center. If you are interested in this group or learning more about eating disorders, contact one of the group's leaders,

Juarlyn Gaiter and Ron Shectman, at 994-6550.

"Concerned About Your Drug or Alcohol Use?", sponsored by the Counseling Center, is looking for new members. If you would like to participate in this group or know of someone who would like some information about it, contact one of the group's leaders, Debbie Wilson or T. Thorne Wiggers. Counseling Center, 994-6550.

Groups of "Adult Children of Parents Who Drink" are forming at the Counseling Center. Contact Zsuzsanna Gyorky or Lynn Hamerling at 994-6550.

Catalogs for the Counseling Center's *Personal Development Series* and for its *Ongoing Groups* are available at the Center, 718 21st Street, NW, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. They can also be found at locations around campus, or you can call 994-6550.

Lesbian & Gay People's Alliance is hosting a logo contest with a \$150 prize for the chosen entry—deadline 10/6. Info: Witt Pratt 994-7590.

Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society, is accepting applications for membership. Applications and further information available now in the Student Activities Office, Marvin Center 427. Completed applications and supporting documents due by Friday, 10/23. Info: Liz Panyon 994-6555.

"Spain on Stage", costume design creation exhibit by Carolina de Weinberg for the Spanish Dance Society. Colonnade Gallery, MC 3rd Floor, through 11/5.

GWU is starting a Track Team/Club. If you're interested, phone Scott at 872-4196.



Photo by Mary Behr

MANNERS are the game, Judith Martin is the name.

## Etiquette lesson for the day

### Miss Manners speaks about being a polite reporter

by Kevin McKeever  
News Editor

Young, aspiring reporters sat a little straighter, talked a shade more discreetly and tried to be a tad more prim and proper than normal Friday evening in the third floor Marvin Center ballroom.

Why was this?

Because Judith Martin, better known as "Miss Manners" to her millions of readers nationwide, addressed the more than 120

Columbian College Alumni Association.

"By social standards, everything in journalism is rude," Martin told the audience of GW students, alumni and Miss Manners followers. Being nosy, repeating everything they hear, and encouraging people to brag are just a few of those "impolitenesses" necessary to survive in the profession, she said.

There are bigger problems,

others," Martin advised.

"Do not begin by disrupting the things you are observing—this is the least excusable thing to do," she said. "(Although we) must identify ourselves as outsiders, we should try to blend in... so we are not noticed as an outsider."

Martin said being sympathetic and fair is possible in news reporting, especially in dealing with tragedies.

"I've never yet heard newsworthy answers to questions like 'What did you think when your child was killed?'" she said.

Martin blamed President Reagan, not the White House press corps, for the correspondents who are often criticized for yelling questions to the president after ceremonial events.

"The White House is to blame because it fails to set up press conferences," she said. "Shouting questions is the alternative to no questions at all."

**'By social standards, everything in journalism is rude.'**

people gathered there on the value of being "The Polite Journalist."

Martin, a syndicated columnist and author who has worked for The Washington Post for 25 years, was selected as speaker for the Stephen Holly Bronz Memorial Lecture. The lecture is sponsored annually by GW's journalism department and the

however, because journalists tend to think they know it all, she said.

Self-absorption and arrogance are among the two biggest "rudenesses" in journalism today, Martin said, and "that has convinced people that we are different and sillier than they are."

"Seeming like you're part of the crowd helps... it relaxes

## GW taps into alcohol awareness this week

by Sharyn Wizda  
Hatchet Staff Writer

GW students can "tap into responsibility" this week when the University launches its fourth annual Alcohol Awareness Week with several programs designed to open students' eyes to the hazards of alcohol abuse.

GW's Alcohol Awareness Week is part of a national effort to promote alcohol education. The University coordinates its program with National Collegiate Alcohol Week.

The week's activities include several workshops and information displays

focusing on the student's responsibility to control his alcohol consumption.

Richard A. Weitzner, judicial coordinator for student affairs, highlighted some of the week's activities that he said would interest students:

- The Metropolitan Police mini-precinct on H Street NW, near the Marvin Center, will conduct tours of its facilities, including a small jail, today from noon to 3 p.m. The precinct handles many DWI (Driving While Intoxicated) and DUI (Driving Under the Influence) cases in the GW area. Officers also will be available to answer students' questions about these or other alcohol-

related offenses.

- The Wellness Resource Center will sponsor an aerobics class Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Smith Center, room 308. The impetus behind the class is to offer an alternative stress-reducer to alcohol.

- Consultant and former professional football player Mike Green will initiate a discussion about alcohol abuse and present a video on the subject Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in George's Washington Hall, fifth floor Marvin Center.

- Former WITC-TV reporter Kelly Burke will show a documentary on how a drunk driving-related death can affect a

victim's family, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Marvin Center, room 413. Burke was convicted under a DWI charge for killing another driver in a car accident. Part of his sentence was to create this documentary, which has been shown on television and has won several awards.

The effort to curtail students' alcohol abuse will continue even after Alcohol Awareness Week ends, Weitzner said.

"We will be doing programs throughout the year in residence halls," he said, although he would not elaborate on such programs.

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## News briefs

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Deadline for application is Nov. 13. Write to: Hughes Doctoral Fellowships, The Fellowship Office, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Ave., Washington, D.C. 20418, or call 334-2872 for information.

A seminar, "The Information Age: Implications and Applications of Computer Technology—Individual Privacy vs. Social Need," sponsored by GW's School of Engineering and Applied Science, will be held today from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Marvin Center room 407.

## East/West relations in a high-tech age

### 'Information revolution' addressed

by Denise Meringolo  
Hatchet Staff Writer

Featured speakers discussed how the "information revolution" has affected East-West relations, during a conference Thursday at the International Club on 1800 K St. NW.

The conference, "The Global Information Revolution and East-West Relations," included opening comments by GW's Diplomat-in-Residence Dr. Walter Roberts and Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.), chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

GW's School of International Affairs and Institute for Sino-Soviet Studies co-sponsored the event.

The main event of the morning session, a panel discussion, focused on pressures

cessing information does not "fit into the Soviet concept of doing things collectively," he said.

Critchlow also said the Soviets have 32 ministries involved in the creation of computers and computer software. This alone acts as another inhibitor to vast change, he said.

Seymour Goodman, professor at the University of Arizona, discussed the difficulty for societies to absorb computer technologies.

The use of computers by Soviet enterprise managers inhibits profitability, he said.

If computers are used to run a business in the Soviet Union, Goodman said, they leave "quite a remarkable and unpleasant audit trail ... for the local peoples' committee of one kind or another to come in and look at, or worse yet, the KGB."

On the other hand, he said, a program that is run on a computer to disguise illegal practices "just simply adds another layer of bureaucratic burden to the enterprise manager's problems."

Professor George Quester of the University of Maryland said television has become an increasingly important vehicle of access to Western politics. Quester said the "information revolution" may lead citizens of Eastern countries to find faults with Western civilization.

"Is it, in the long run, a vehicle for democracy, or could it be, unfortunately, a

### '... Sovietization of Eastern Europe has utterly and absolutely failed.'

for internal change in the communist world in relation to the "information revolution."

James Critchlow, member of the Russian Research Center of Harvard University, said fundamental theories of secrecy and collectiveness in the Soviet Union make fast, widespread change difficult in that country.

The use of personal computers for storing and pro-



AMBASSADOR JAMES RENTSCHLER speaks last Thursday at the International Club.

substitute for democracy?" he asked rhetorically.

Dale Pendergrast, deputy director of the European Affairs U.S. Information Agency, said the East-West exchange of information and ideas has caused dissatisfaction among Eastern youth.

"A very clear identity with their peers in Western Europe ... (has shown that) the Sovietization of Eastern Europe

has utterly and absolutely failed," he said.

He said the Eastern youths' dissatisfaction with current lifestyle and increasingly strong ties to Western culture would cause drastic changes in Soviet politics in the next five to 10 years. He cited changes in Poland as an example of the reaches of the "information revolution."

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# Arts and Music

## 'Hail! Hail! Rock 'n' Roll,' Chuck Berry is back!

by Mark Vane

Chuck Berry appeared at Crown Books in Georgetown Friday evening to promote his newly released autobiography and film, *Chuck Berry Hail! Hail! Rock 'n' Roll*. When I saw Berry arrive in the store, the first thing that struck me were his hands. His strong, large fingers and manicured nails make up the hands that created the combination of blues and country we know today as rock-and-roll. Sure, Elvis is considered "The King"; he gave the music its image. But Chuck Berry gave rock-and-roll its sound.

From 1955-1959, Berry recorded countless rock classics, including "Maybellene," "Johnny B. Goode," "Rock and Roll Music," "Roll Over Beethoven" and "Back in the U.S.A." His guitar riffs have been copied by virtually all guitarists in rock music and his songs have been covered by everyone from the Beatles to the Rolling Stones.

Now, 30 years after their original release, Chuck Berry is back, recapturing a new audience with his recently published autobiography and concert film.

*Chuck Berry Hail! Hail! Rock 'n' Roll* is a filmed documentary of Berry's concert celebrating his 60th birthday at the Fox Theater in St. Louis, Berry's hometown. Keith Richards, the rock-and-roll

vampire of the Rolling Stones, served as musical director for the show that included performances by Eric Clapton, Robert Cray, Etta James, Julian Lennon and Linda Ronstadt. Directed by John Lennon saying, "If you



Taylor Hackford, *Chuck Berry Hail! Hail! Rock 'n' Roll* includes many excellent interviews with classic rock performers such as Jerry Lee Lewis, Bo Diddley, Little Richard, John Lennon and Bruce Springsteen.

Although seeing Berry perform at the Fox Theater in the film was

impressive, the interviews and Berry's own comments about his music are what makes it so enjoyable and insightful. The old film footage—for example, of

I'll tell my grandkids that I played with Chuck Berry."

Everyone is familiar with Berry's classic songs, but *Hail! Hail! Rock 'n' Roll* shows more Chuck Berry, the musician. While rehearsing for the show at the Fox, we see clips of Berry singing a bluesy "I'm in the Mood for Love" and playing the slide guitar. His peers say that Berry was the first singer/songwriter in rock music. Berry recalls he decided to write songs about things with which people often came in contact, such as school, cars and love. Springsteen says in the film that he never saw a "coffee-colored Cadillac," but after hearing Berry's "Nadine," in which Berry sings "I saw her from the corner when she turned and doubled back/And started walking towards a coffee-colored Cadillac," he knew what one looked like.

Conversations with Berry, Bo Diddley and Little Richard are funny and give insight into the racial problems these early black musicians experienced while creating music for predominantly white audiences. Little Richard talks about Pat Boone's recording of Berry's "Tutti Frutti" and making it a big hit. We also hear how they received only a half penny per record sold for their early recordings.

The film details Berry's obsession with money, and although

one scene shows him fighting with Keith Richards in rehearsal, it is still hard to dislike the well-spoken, charming Berry. *Hail! Hail! Rock 'n' Roll* does not deal with personal issues (jail sentences, womanizing) about which Berry avoids speaking on camera; still, the film paints a full picture of Berry. His interviews, along with those of his peers, allow many to understand the impact and issues surrounding the early days of rock-and-roll.

The concert footage is excellent. Berry moves around the stage like a man half his age. The crowd reaction, from old women to toddlers dancing in the aisles, shows how Berry's music still is loved by all generations. The only fault is that Berry allowed Julian Lennon and Ronstadt to sing lead on some of his songs at the concert but, overall, the performances are great.

Berry's autobiography, which he has been writing for seven years, discusses some of the issues that were not discussed in the film, such as his brushes with the law. Together, the film and his autobiography will open many people's eyes to Chuck Berry, his life and his music.

Considering the enthusiastic reaction both projects have received, Chuck Berry, the man, is as famous as his songs are and will be remembered as long as there is rock-and-roll.

## 'Strangeways': The Smiths' somber swansong

by Tim Walker

Ding dong, the Smiths are dead.

Those four British rock-'n'-roll rascals have gone their separate ways. Guitarist and tunesmith Johnny Marr initially left the band due to reported "personality conflicts" with frontman and renegade loudmouth Morrissey.

*Strangeways, Here We Come*, the Smiths' fifth and last record, has just been released. Rough Trade, the band's record label, hates the group. The band members aren't talking to each other. Needless to say, there will be no farewell tour. The Smiths, one of the most talented, prolific and intimidating rock bands of the decade, are gone. History. Finito. Kaput. Life's a bitch, ain't it?

But isn't that what Morrissey has been trying to tell us over the last four years, at least about his life? His songs can be irritating, some just boring and some occasionally moving. But what ultimately makes the Smiths' music so exciting is Johnny Marr's consummate musicianship and unbelievable talents as a composer. *Strangeways, Here We Come* is the Smiths' swansong and is further evidence that although not "original," per se, no other band sounds quite like them.

"The story is an old one I know. But it goes on," acknowledges Morrissey in "Last Night I Dreamt Somebody Loved Me." It would take years of patient research to come up with a more hideous title but, as usual, Morrissey gets away with it. The track, the first on Side Two, remains remarkable if only for Morrissey's anguished vocals and Marr's death-knell piano that opens the song. The lush, dramatic string arrangement that brings it to a close lends a touch of grandeur to the Smiths' sound, a quality unheard on the band's past records.

Morrissey's rites of self-exorcism are not as blaringly evident on *Strangeways* as they are on *Meat Is Murder* and *The Queen Is Dead* and for this we should give thanks. Morrissey's quest to find a "true love" couldn't be a more boring topic for a song. Luckily, many of his songs on *Strangeways* display a (Surprise! Surprise!) sense of humor. "Unhappy Birthday" and "Girlfriend in a Coma" are each wickedly funny in its depiction of the fine line between love and hate. "Coma" uncovers an interesting dilemma over how to feel about a former girlfriend, to whom you've grown to hate, as she lies near-death in a hospital bed. Morrissey asks, sounding concerned: "Do you really think

she'll pull through?" Marr's cheerful acoustic guitar accompaniment, however, suggests a feeling of unbridled ecstasy on the part of the singer as the girl in question lies pale, silent and motionless.

The talents of Morrissey and Marr most effectively combine forces on "A Rush And a Push and the Land is Ours." Marr's marching piano complements the defiance of the lyrics. Like many of Morrissey's songs, this majestic track offers a little space for hope and optimism but exists mainly on the personal level.

You see, Morrissey (never the life of the party) is basically convinced the world is rapidly going to hell. The droning "Death of a Disco Dancer," all six minutes of it, will leave you gasping for breath. "If you think peace is a common goal/Well, that shows how little you really know/Love, peace and harmony?/Oh, very nice/But maybe in the next world." In other words, flash the peace sign at me, pal, and I'll break your bloody fingers.

The Smiths' frequent conflicts with their record label serve as the target for "Paint a Vulgar Picture," and Morrissey hits the bulls-eye. He ridicules the promotional games and exploitation in which major record labels



'The world won't listen.' The Smiths (l-r): Andy Rourke, Morrissey, Johnny Marr, Mike Joyce.

indulge, ultimately, at the expense of the artist. "Paint a Vulgar Picture" rambles on for more than five minutes, but Marr carries the tune with his steady guitar work building a captivating melody. The Smiths close the chapter of their recording career with the poignant "I Won't Share You," the last track on *Strangeways*.

Though not as strong as *The Queen Is Dead* or the magnificent *Louder Than Bombs*, *Strangeways, Here We Come* is a consistent, at times fascinating last effort. Marr instrumentation is

slightly more morose than usual and all the songs exude an atmosphere of impending doom. The album is an appropriate bookend to the Smiths' short career. What does the future hold for Morrissey and Marr? Marr will continue to prosper artistically, his reputation as a first-rate guitarist and composer is now firmly established. As far as Morrissey is concerned, stodgy record executives, conservative radio programmers and disapproving press cannot and will not suppress the inevitable: bigmouth will strike again.

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# Science Update

## When eating and drinking are risky business

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If such warnings make you uneasy, it is not hard to imagine how the restaurant industry in California feels about the prospect of complying with that state's new Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act.

Passed last year as Proposition 65, the law states "no person in the course of doing business shall knowingly and intentionally expose any individual to a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity without first giving clear and reasonable warning."

The Grocery Manufacturers of America estimate more than 10,000 items sold in supermarkets will have to be identified as carcinogens. Table salt, brown mustard and peanut butter will have to carry warnings.

The law contains a clause allowing individuals to turn in violators and share any fines. "The burden of proof," according to the bill, "shall be on the defendant."

The law will take effect on March 1, 1988.

Philip Abelson, deputy editor of *Science* magazine, contends the

law is misguided and may itself be hazardous. Writing in the Sept. 25 edition, Abelson said, "Labeling a large number of items as carcinogens because they contain parts per billion of something of doubtful carcinogenicity will not enable the public to act more judiciously in safeguarding health. In fact, the opposite may be true."

Abelson echoes an opinion once expressed by Milton Russell, former assistant administrator of

centrate on rodent cancer as a measure of the safety of what we breathe or eat or drink?

Bruce Ames, researcher at the University of California at Berkeley, said in a *Science* issue focusing on risk assessment, "Animal cancer tests cannot be used to predict absolute human risks."

Ames, who developed one of the most widely used measures of the potential hazards of chemicals, said, "Hazards from current

failure to deal efficiently, at the source, with obviously significant environmental risks like lead, sulfur dioxide, radon, formaldehyde and asbestos."

Silbergeld said the risk of pollutants should be measured not by large pure doses given to laboratory animals, but by the cumulative effect "in populations who smoke, eat certain foods, sunbathe, or otherwise engage in risky business."

What is important, Silbergeld

someone under some circumstances."

The fact remains, however, that data on the cancer-causing potential of substances is the most accessible and well-documented information available.

Richard Wilson, physicist with Harvard University's Energy and Environmental Policy Center, said, "Risk assessors follow public demand in addressing the risk of cancer."

Both Wilson and Ames said data on cancer can be useful in evaluating the overall risk of substances in the environment. Ames proposed that laboratory data be put into a real world context, that doses harmful to rats and mice be expressed on a human scale.

As an example, he compared the risk from the alcohol in beer with the risk of exposure to dioxin. A six-pack, he said, represents about the same risk as 25 pounds of dirt contaminated with one part per billion of dioxin. "Soil ingestion," Ames said, "is considered by government regulatory agencies to be the main possible route" of exposure to dioxin.

Without providing the public with relative information about the hazard posed by environmental chemicals, regulatory efforts, such as California's Proposition 65, and risk assessment will continue to be, as Russell said, "The product of what former EPA administrator William Ruckelshaus has called 'a shotgun wedding between science and the law.'"

-Patrick Zickler

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the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) "Anxiety and stress are public health hazards in themselves," Russell said. "When the worry is focused on phantom or insignificant risks, it diverts personal attention from risks that can be reduced."

The question of how best to evaluate risks has long puzzled the scientists who test and the lawmakers who regulate public health and safety.

How accurately do tests involving laboratory animals exposed to very large doses of a something reflect the hazards of human exposure to very small doses? Is it meaningful to con-

levels of pesticide residues or water pollution are likely to be of minimal concern relative to the background levels of natural substances."

Ellen Silbergeld of the Environmental Defense Fund said it is a mistake "to confine our national debate to one end point—cancer risk."

Research that concentrates on cancerous results of vanishingly small amounts of natural or man-made chemicals, she said, perpetuates "the silliness of current regulatory practice, which provokes not only the amusement of scientists but also the disgust of the public as it observes continued

said, is better understanding of exposures to substances known to be hazardous.

Ames said exposures are well documented. "Society has made an enormous effort to measure exposures to man-made pollutants," he said. The results have revealed "remarkably little of public health interest aside from occupational hazards."

Ames said Silbergeld's proposed emphasis on the effects of exposure on persons engaged in "risky business" is "an invitation to paralysis." It is a regulatory impossibility, Ames said, "to attempt to avoid all exposures that might cause some kind of harm to

## You are what you eat

Many naturally occurring compounds have been found to be carcinogenic in laboratory tests. According to a University of California at Berkeley study, a "health food" lunch of salad and herb tea provides these treats, known to induce tumors in mice or rats:

- Estragole, present in volatile oils of basil, tarragon and bay leaf.

- Allyl isothiocyanate, a natural pesticide found in cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower. It also is the primary flavor ingredient of brown mustard.

- Hydrazines, found in *Agaricus bisporus*, the most commonly eaten mushroom in the United States. A lifetime diet of raw mushrooms produces bone, stomach, liver and lung tumors in both male and female mice.

- Psoralens, carcinogens activated by sunlight in celery and especially prevalent in plants damaged, even slightly, by mold. Psoralens cause disease in celery pickers and supermarket workers.

- Symphytine, an alkylid found in the leaves of comfrey, sold in "natural food" stores for use in salads and tea.

## Thinning of ozone layer due to common chemical

In 1985, British scientists discovered a thinning of the Earth's ozone layer in the upper atmosphere over Antarctica. Further study showed the thinning had begun in 1976, and was becoming more severe each year.

This hole in the ozone layer, which protects the earth's surface from the dangerous effects of ultraviolet radiation, has been the focus of intense investigation during the past two years. Evidence is accumulating that the thinning is the result of worldwide use of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), chemicals used as refrigerants, aerosol propellants and in the manufacture of Styrofoam.

Last month, more than 60 nations agreed to a treaty limiting the production and use of CFCs.

Data released by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) at a Sept. 30 news conference showed that the hole results from chemical reactions created by CFC pollution and meteorological conditions unique to atmosphere of the South Pole.

The NASA data was gathered during a six-week survey made by

modified U-2 spy planes flying at altitudes as high as 12 miles.

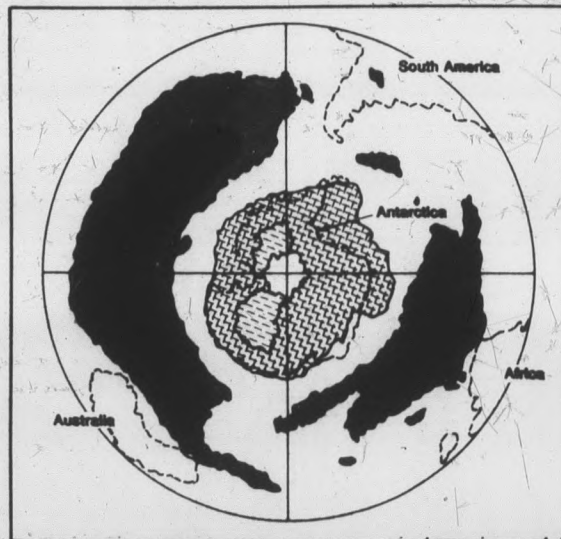
Robert Watson of NASA, in the Oct. 9 issue of *Science*, said the study revealed unusually high amounts of every chemical thought to be associated with CFC-caused destruction of the ozone layer. But, Watson said, "meteorology is critical. It is not merely chemistry."

An important factor in the chemical process seems to be the presence of ice crystals at extremely high altitudes. The ice particles provide surface areas without which some of the chemical reactions would not take place.

Ironically, average temperatures over Antarctica have decreased during the period of ozone depletion. Stratospheric temperatures have dropped roughly three degrees centigrade since 1980.

Scientists are unable to explain any relationship between climatic change and the chemical activity in the region and cannot predict whether temperatures will continue to drop.

The NASA study, while veri-



The Antarctic ozone hole is represented by the central hatched area. The ring of high ozone is represented by the dark areas outside the hole.

fying the role of chemical pollutants in the ozone destruction, has reduced earlier fears that the ozone hole might spread to other areas of the globe.

Watson said, "If this picture holds up—the mechanism of ice particle formation and surface

reactions—then the question would be how frequently similar conditions occur elsewhere.

"We believe the conditions are unique to the Antarctic," Watson said. "They are probably not extensive elsewhere."

-Patrick Zickler

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THE MUSICAL TRIO Betty warms the crowd at the "Take Back the Night" rally at Washington Circle Saturday night.

## Rally attracts 300 for women's causes

by Liz Pallato  
Hatchet Staff Writer

Toshi Reagan, a local musician and a woman activist, made her statement of purpose to a crowd of demonstrators Saturday night.

"We take back the night when we stand in unity because when one woman is unsafe, all are unsafe ... Most of all, we take back the night not just tonight but every single day," she declared.

Approximately 300 women and men converged at Washington Circle, near 23rd Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW, to listen to speeches and rally for the "Take Back the Night" march, the kick-off event of Anti-Rape Week, sponsored by the D.C. Rape Crisis center.

The event—a combined effort of a number of local peace, women and anti-violence groups—began at the circle at 7 p.m. with several speeches and a

song by a local, three-woman band named Betty.

The marchers left Washington Circle at 8 p.m., proceeded down Pennsylvania Avenue, took a right on 19th Street and walked down G Street past GW's "fraternity row."

"In the past, the march has started out in Dupont Circle and then gone into Georgetown," said Ellen Schell, a march coordinator. "This (year's march) is to show people that there is something else going on, and because Georgetown would have a high incidence of date rape and harassment."

The change in location was made "to highlight the issue on all campuses, not just at GW, of the sexual harassment that has been more prevalent, including date rape and gang rape," said David Hostetter, a staff member of the Washington Peace Center,

## 'Operation Mexico' at GW Brits bike across the continent to help quake victims

by Steve Farber  
Hatchet Staff Writer

Sometimes those who mean well find out their efforts are not always appreciated.

Three British cyclists pedaling from Canada to Mexico to raise funds for victims of the 1985 Mexico City earthquake found this out the hard way.

Adams Baines and Alan O'Donnell, two members of this group called "Operation Mexico," spoke to members of GW Bike, a University cycling club, Thursday night and detailed their travels.

Deborah Green, the third member of the group, is currently in Mexico gathering materials regarding the progress of a housing development Operation Mexico is assisting.

Baines, formerly a London advertising executive, said a televised appeal for help by opera star Placido Domingo last December inspired him to help the earthquake victims.

Baines later introduced himself to Domingo and arranged a June charity concert to feature the singer. The event raised \$40,000.

The immediate success of the concert encouraged Baines, who decided to take the bike

trip across North America in hopes of raising \$50,000 for the victims.

He placed an advertisement in a London paper to find three other people to start the journey with him in Deer Island, Canada, just north of the Maine border.

He found the people, but unfortunately, the trip has not been as successful as he anticipated, Baines said.

Operation Mexico's efforts in this country has raised only \$3,000 since the journey started in July. In addition, he said the group has experienced equipment problems and personal disagreements caused a fourth member to leave the group when it arrived in New York.

"We were not experienced bicyclists and, as it turned out, we were hopelessly idealistic about our fundraising," Baines said. "We've had to learn from our mistakes."

Baines said none of the group members trained for the ride.

For each town at which they stopped, Operation Mexico originally intended to schedule a fundraiser with a local opera house to generate funds for

their effort.

"We've been able to plan events, but we have found out that you still have to get people in the room to pay you," Baines said.

Aside from Domingo, Baines said sponsors have been hard to find. Save the Children, an international charity, and the Mexican government have not permitted Operation Mexico to use their names on any fundraising material.

Baines also said the Mexican government claimed the damage from the earthquake is already 95 percent rebuilt.

"We've learned about bureaucracy," Baines said. "Everybody has their own priorities. A charity is no more likely to help you than the man on the street."

Baines and O'Donnell have stayed in Washington for more than a month and recently found a backer in the Pan American Development foundation. The PADF has agreed to support Operation Mexico and FUNDECAL, an organization in charge of building housing in Mexico City.

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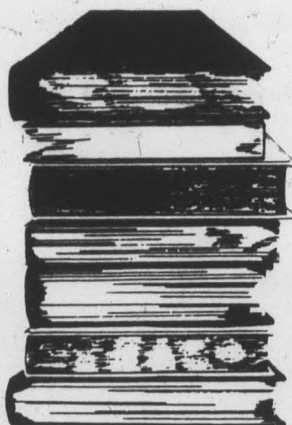
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# Rep. Frank blasts *contras*

by Tom Prendergast  
Hatchet Staff Writer

Congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass.) denounced President Ronald Reagan's foreign policy toward Central America during a speech in Marvin Center's Market Square Wednesday night.

Increases in defense spending is not the solution to all of America's foreign problems, Frank said. "There are some ills where muscles are not a defense," he said.

Frank accused Reagan of being "obsessed with Nicaragua" and said although there is a natural "democratic impulse" to help people who are oppressed, help should not be in the form of force.

"Garbage" is what Frank called Reagan's claim that Nicaragua posed a threat to the United States, saying the president has "made Nicaragua more of a threat."

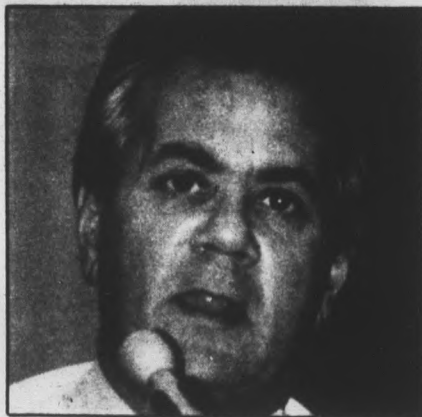
Soviet missiles, planes and submarines are the real threat to the U.S. government, Frank said.

If the situation in Nicaragua is so bad that America must support the *contras*, Frank asked, why does Reagan support countries like China—one of the only countries in the world to have banished the Catholic church, Saudi Arabia—a major violator of human rights according to Amnesty International, and South Africa?

If Nicaragua became a threat to Costa Rica or to Honduras, Frank said the U.S. government could easily stop it by threatening to send troops to Central America.

He said the president's hatred of the Nicaraguan government and his support of other countries in similar states of disarray is "not morally justified."

Frank said he does not believe communism is



wrong, but trying to overthrow the government is.

"Communism is not an infectious disease," he said.

Reagan's proposal for \$270 million in *contra* aid "doesn't have much of a chance" in Congress because of the Arias Peace Plan, he said.

The peace plan, signed by the five Central American countries in August, is to take full effect in November.

Too many military incidents have occurred under Reagan's administration, he said, adding that many soldiers have been killed during Reagan's two terms.

Frank said the president's only successful policy decision was the invasion of Grenada, but even this did not justify a rise in defense spending.

## Nicaragua horrors discussed

by Madelyn Scro  
Hatchet Staff Writer

John Linder, older brother of Benjamin Linder who was killed in Nicaragua, discussed his brother's death and the tragedies of the *contra* war with a crowd of approximately 100 people in Fonger Hall Saturday night.

Benjamin Linder, a U.S. citizen, was murdered April 28, 1987 in a *contra* ambush near San Jose de Bocay, a town in northern Nicaragua. His family and friends are touring the United States telling people about the *contra* war.

John Linder said the response to the Ben Linder Peace Tour, which has already travelled to 38 states, has been overwhelming.

The government uses the people's tax money to send advanced arms to a country where most towns do not even have electricity or clean drinking water, John Linder said.

Nicaragua is the poorest country in Central America with "made in the U.S.A." written all over it," he said.

"All must be done to end this horrible war and the dictatorship-like rule of the U.S. government toward Nicaragua,"

Linder said.

Linder showed a slide presentation which gave background information on his brother's life. Benjamin Linder had lived in Nicaragua for three-and-a-half years and was working on the design of a small hydro-electric plant when he was killed, Linder said.

He and six other Nicaraguan workers had just started construction of a small dam when the *contras* attacked, he said. Benjamin Linder was wounded and then shot in the head at point-blank range.

Pablo Rosales and Sergio Hernandez, two Nicaraguans, were also killed in the attack.

Linder said his brother's story is not unique, but that thousands of people have already given their lives to the *contra* war.

As a teary-eyed Linder walked off the stage, he received a standing ovation.

After the speech, a collection was taken for the Ben Linder Memorial Fund, which supports humanitarian projects in Nicaragua.

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## Tryouts

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teams and the coaches organized a rotating system. Little did they know that 10 consecutive minutes of basketball would prove more than enough to find out what shape, or lack thereof, the players on the court were in.

One player who managed to

grab the coaches' attention was Jeff Brown, a 6'4" sophomore from Trenton, N.J. His skills and size stood out.

"It was a lot of fun after the initial nervousness, and we got into the scrimmaging," Brown said.

Junior Dave Silver called it "fun, nerve-racking and exciting ... It was the best 22 pick-up players at GW," he said.

"I feel pretty good about my basketball skills," he said. "But I have got to get in shape."

When Kuester explained at the

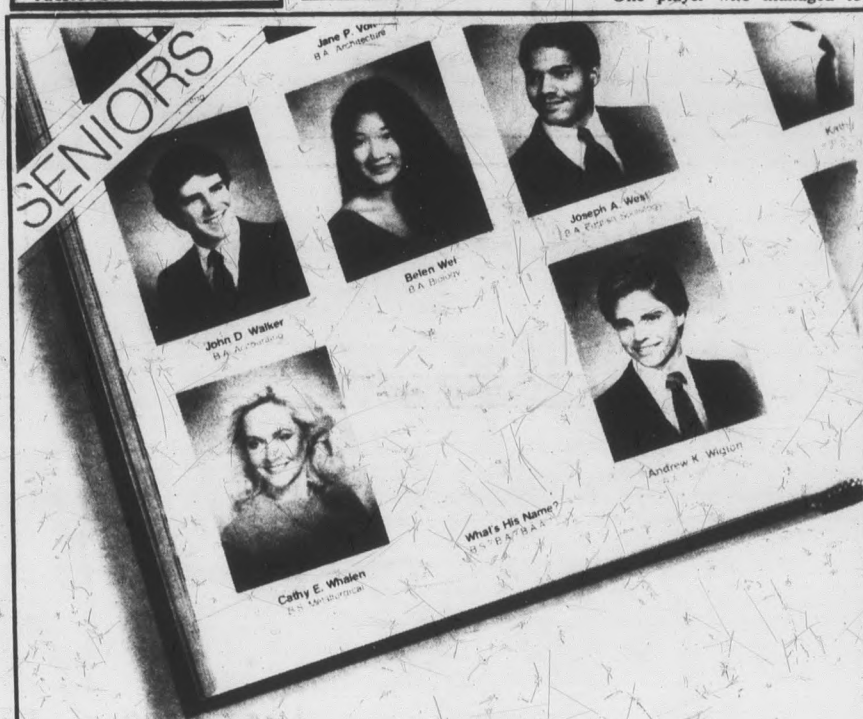
tryout's end that his team practiced two and one-half hours daily, the rolled back eyes told the story as did the reply of one heavy breather.

"I'd die," he said.

*Doug Most is sports editor of The GW Hatchet and still is breathing heavily.*

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I WAS JUST HAVING A COUPLE-A HANDS. BETWEEN CLASSES YOU KNOW, AND DENDRA COMES IN AND STARTS GETTING ALL UP TIGHT WITH ME. TRIES TO TELL ME CANDY CORNS ARE LOADED WITH CHEMICALS AND "BAD FOR YOU!" I GO, "LIONEL MESSY, ONE OF THE MAIN INGREDIENTS IN CANDY CORNS IS CORN SYRUP! THESE ARE MORE NATURAL THAN TRAIL MIX!" THAT SHOT HER UP, BUT GOOD. THEN SHE CALLED ME A NAME AND RAN OUT. SHE'S GOTTA NO-FUN PUPPY HEAD ANYWAY.

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**OCTOBER 18**

POLY AND I SHARED A BOWL OF PRIMO K-CORNS. I SCORED DOWN AT THE EYE G.T. PEOPLE'S LATER, AFTER SEVERAL HOURS OF PETTING & GENTLE CHOKING, HE FINALLY GAVE IN TO MY WILKPERED DEMANDS. IT WAS BRIEF, FORTNE, AND SHACKLINGLY MESSY, BUT NOT WITHOUT ITS MOMENTS OF WALKING TRANSCENDENCE. NOW WE CLING TO OPPOSITE CORNERS OF OUR COMMON ROOM, BOUND ONLY BY THE SUCROSE THREAD OF OUR PRIVATE SHAME.

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# Sports



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GW GOALIE Harry Bargmann foils a Va. Tech attack as teammate Orville Reynolds looks on.

## Men's soccer tops Va. Tech

### 3-1 win stretches unbeaten streak to seven games

by Craig W. Wilson  
Hatchet Staff Writer

After hearing criticism like the one GW men's soccer head coach George Lidster made Saturday afternoon, one may wonder what was wrong with his team's performance that day.

"I was not satisfied with our performance," he said. "Our anticipation and intensity simply were not there ... We played terribly."

But not terribly enough to lose because, despite the letdown Lidster suffered, he graciously accepted a 3-1 Colonial victory over Virginia Tech at RFK Auxiliary Field.

The win raised GW to 7-3-2 and its unbeaten streak to seven games. Since its 1-3-1 start, the Colonials have gone 6-0-1.

Junior Kenny Emson began the scoring with a first-half goal, assisted by junior Paul Boulad. The goal would mark the only score of the half. During the first 45 minutes, the two teams tried to penetrate each others' territory, but to little avail. Most of the action took place in the middle of the field.

At the 71:02 mark, the Colonials struck again when sophomore midfielder Evan Kyriazopoulos scored off an assist from senior Clive Campbell.

Kyriazopoulos said the goal was beneficial at the time. "It came at a good time," he said. "The game really could have gone either way ... The team did a good job of holding up late in the game."

The Colonial scoring ended

with another Boulad-to-Emson effort, as Emson pushed it past the posts at 80:45. Although Emson's goals were the slim difference, Lidster showed surprising dismay. "Kenny should have scored six or seven goals," the coach said. "... he missed plenty of chances."

"The team, I think, may have been looking ahead to William & Mary. That may have affected our play. We're probably a bit tense and anxious about it because this is a big one coming up ... But we'll go down there to win, not to play defensively."

**On the sideline**—The Colonials will play at 13th-ranked William & Mary Wednesday afternoon ... Emson has scored at least one goal in his last eight games.

## Women's soccer 1-1 in tourney

### 7-1 romp follows 2-0 loss in Maryland Invitational

by Richard J. Zack  
Asst. Sports Editor

The GW women's soccer team finished third in the four-team Maryland Invitational Tournament this past weekend, losing to the University of Virginia, 2-0, Saturday, and beating Navy, 7-1, Sunday, behind freshman Teresa Miguel's three goals and one assist.

"(Miguel) played very aggressive on offense," senior standout Diane Kelly said of the forward from St. Louis, Mo. Kelly added a score of her own against the Midshipmen as she tallied her 14th goal of the season.

"She's (Miguel) really been a spark in the midfield this season so we moved her to forward to add some punch against Navy," GW assistant coach Sheryl Walters said.

GW head coach Adrian Glover agrees. "We were having trouble getting penetration, so we moved Teresa to a forward position," he said. "She has the potential to replace Diane Kelly. She's very quick."

GW sophomore Sonya Tormoen also added two goals and three assists in the Navy win, while

junior Kate Steinhilber scored her first goal of the season.

"We had to fight a little frustration early in the match," Walters said. "We were getting good shots, but their goalie was making great saves. Eventually our shots started to go in."

With the third-place finish, GW raised its record to 10-5-1. Glover, however, is not positive the win over Navy will bring the Colonial Women into the top 20. "We've got to beat teams like Virginia to get into the top 20," he said.

In the Virginia game, the Colonials were blanked even though both teams had 12 shots on goal. "Virginia outshot us 10-2 in the first half and we outshot them 10-2 in the second half, but we were unable to score," Glover said.

**On the sideline**—GW is ranked eighth in the region. "We've been in the rankings now for three weeks which is pretty consistent," Glover said ... The Colonials next take on Randolph Macon College Thursday at 1 p.m. at RFK Auxiliary Field. "They're ranked ninth in their region. It should be a tough match," Glover said.

## Volleyball splits two

by Doug Most  
Sports Editor

"Follow the bouncing ball" seems a most appropriate adage when describing this year's GW volleyball team.

As Colonial head coach Cindy Laughlin waits for the ball to stop bouncing and commence rolling, her team has struggled to an 8-12 overall record (3-1 in the Atlantic 10 Conference), including this weekend's Smith Center split with A-10 foe Rutgers on Friday and crosstown rival Georgetown on Saturday.

Against the Hoyas, GW put up little fight, losing 7-15, 5-15, 13-15. The match was in stark contrast to an earlier season contest between the two when the Colonial Women stretched Georgetown to five fierce games before bowing.

"They really dominated the attack," GW Women's Sports Information Director Rhea Farberman said.

The Hoya attack was led by

junior Cathy Taylor.

"We had a lot of trouble with transition," Farberman said of GW's troubles.

Against Rutgers, GW fell behind early in the first game, 5-1. After a quick timeout called by Laughlin, however, the score quickly reversed. GW went on to sweep the Scarlet Knights, 15-12, 15-8, 15-5.

In the second game against Rutgers, GW quickly jumped on top, 10-0. Rutgers came back with five unanswered points before the Colonial Women put the game away. The third game followed suit with a quick Colonial 9-2 advantage and little rally from the Scarlet Knights.

**Netnotes**—GW plays a non-conference match against Virginia Commonwealth on Tuesday at the Smith Center at 6 p.m. ... Friday and Saturday, the team plays West Virginia and Duquesne at the Smith Center at 7 p.m. and 4 p.m., respectively.

## Men's basketball tryouts:

## The good, the bad and the ugly

Excited, yet nervous. Confident, yet wary. Skilled, yet out of shape. Really out of shape!

This was the atmosphere last night when 22 GW undergraduates gathered at the Smith Center with aspirations to grab the attention of at least one of the three coaches present. Hopes of possibly being invited to play with the team as a walk-on player for the upcoming season filled the arena.

This was the GW men's basketball team's walk-on tryout.

Not knowing what to expect, the prospective Colonials began arriving as early as 6 p.m. for the scheduled 7 p.m. start. The jitters were evident in the pre-tryout shootaround as fear of running sprints was the reigning topic of discussion. The last time any of us

had concentrated on getting in shape, GW himself was in office.

The silence was pierced with a whistle ... high school practice relived. The players gathered at mid-court and after a brief talk from GW head coach John Kuester, assistant coaches Larry Mangino and Bob MacKinnon took over. Kuester turned

Doug Most

spectator.

The coaches made sure we understood the team's situation (in other words, they brought us back to reality) by explaining that they were looking for someone to push the team—someone in shape who would not collapse from exhaustion after hours of hard

basketball. While skills showed, conditioning did not. The most oft-seen pose during the evening's play was neither shooting nor running. Rather, it was hands on knees and back hunched with rapid breaths coming quicker and quicker with each passing minute.

The coaches broke us into two groups for a basic layup drill. "Just like high school," Mangino said.

Following a passing drill, a one-on-one full-court drill and a shooting drill, Mangino and MacKinnon echoed the magic words: "Scrimmage."

"We have seen your basic skills," Mangino said. "Now we want to see if you can play as a team."

We were separated into four (See TRYOUTS, p.18)



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SHOOTING DRILLS CAME EARLY, but by the time scrimmaging was done not all aspirants were still standing.